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Camp on the upper waters of the Platte
Near South Park June 11th 1862

My Dear Dr Gray

I take the opportunity of a P.O. and a leisure moment to drop you a line. Dr Engelmann I presume keeps you posted on our movements to whom I write every opportunity. Enclosing copy of my barometric record. Since reaching the mountains about two weeks since we have been kept busy to keep up with the plants. Fortunately however the season is unusually backward, so that we calculate to miss very few even of the earliest plants. We are now getting into a most interesting subalpine region & have already found several nice specimens not included in last years collection. Every day now adds to the list and our bundles already begin to assume pregnant proportions. The Platte here is quite similar in general aspect to Clear Cr. but the bordering Mts are higher reaching on the South side to the snow line. I expect tomorrow to make a climb up as far as the snow. and see what plants are venturing out. We travel slowly about 5 to 10 miles a day & whenever we come to an interesting locality lay over. We expect in this way to continue to the dividing ridge at the head of Blue River pass over the range. and explore as far down as may be practicable. Then return to Denver by way of the Arkansas making Pikes Peak a visit on our route. from Denver we will then probably make a short visit to my old location at the head of Clear Cr. determine the altitude of T & G & E. and close up the season in the vicinity

of Longs Peak. This is a general program of our plan should
it not be interfered with. I feel however much anxiety in
reference to my associate E. Hall. Since reaching the sanatorium
one of the Mts. together with over exertion has brought on an
attack of bleeding at the lungs to which he has been before
subject. This has reduced him very much, so that he has
to give up all active work and as we progress still higher
I fear a recurrence of this difficulty will oblige him to return
to the foot of the Mts. This would be a sad result to our
plans, as it would deprive us of our most efficient &
sharp sighted collector in the most interesting part of our
route. I hope by care he may weather it through and by
getting accustomed to that air improve on it. I hope you
have sent me some nos of lists of plants as far as published
they are careless about transporting printed matter so far
and they may miss but if you sent some to Denver, I
have given directions to have at least one enclosed in a
letter envelope as I shall need it for reference. Please do
the same with the succeeding nos to be published in July &
send if possible an early proof sheet. Let us hear from you
for it is always encouraging in this out of the way place
to know that our labors are appreciated. I enclose a few
scraps of plants found lately. I also send to Dr. Engelmann
whenever I write, an address will be Denver, where we have
made arrangements to store our plants & return to outfit
When I come across anything special to write about I will
drop you a line
Yours truly
J. C. Parry



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